

APRIL CROP REPORT IS OUT

DAMAGE TO WINTER WHEAT IS
NOT AS HEAVY AS WAS EX-
PECTED IS THE WORD.

The damage to winter wheat from winter killing is not nearly as great as many had predicted nor as much as might have been expected under the existing conditions. The ground was bare throughout southern Michigan during much of the winter, but the weather was not severe at any time, particularly in March when the plant is most susceptible to injury. In central and northern Michigan, the ground was well covered with snow practically all of the time. The joint State and Federal report issued today by John A. Doelle, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Verne H. Church, Agricultural Statistician, U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, gives the condition of winter wheat as 83 per cent, seven per cent lower than on the same date last year and one per cent below the ten-year average for April 1. The condition for the United States as a whole averages 78.4 per cent, or nearly 13 per cent below that of last year and six per cent less than the ten-year average.

Rye suffered much less than wheat and the present condition equals the ten-year average of 88 per cent, although four points lower than it was one year ago. The poor fields are mainly the late planted ones. The average condition for the United States is 89 per cent, which is practically normal.

Better prices of hogs and a good corn supply have tended to renew industry in the hog industry, and the number of brood sows now on the farms of the state is estimated to be seven per cent larger than one year ago. This increase equals the decline that took place in the previous year. The demand has been strong in recent months in nearly all parts of the state, and good prices have been paid.

The results of the inquiry relative to farm labor show that the supply is about normal, as compared with the usual, and nine per cent greater than it was one year ago. Some sections of the state report a very marked increase, but in other localities the supply has not materially changed.

The demand is ten per cent below normal and eight per cent less than it was one year ago. During the period when labor was scarce, farmers revised their farming methods in order to meet the situation, and now are returning to their former system only to a very limited extent. The acute financial conditions of the past year are preventing many from hiring that otherwise would do so.

Therefore, we have the unique situation of practically a normal supply of labor, which exceeds the demand by approximately 13 per cent. There has been a marked reduction of wages in most sections, although some men are insisting on more than the prevailing price.

RIVERDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Schaffer of Auburn Heights were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaffer.

Mrs. Nettie Rose of Belding is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rose.

Miss Pearl Mitchell of Alma was home for over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Erskin of near Vestaburg called on their daughter, Mrs. Laurel Welch, Friday.

Mrs. John Hall is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Melvin Budge, of Ithaca.

Miss Tella VanAlstine spent Sunday with Miss Mary Holland, south west of town.

Glen Hudson has returned from Eaton Rapids, where he had been working for some time.

Miss Mira Greenman is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jacques of Alma.

Mrs. Fred Johnson spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rockafellow, of near Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stacy and sons Leo and George visited relatives near Elwell Sunday.

Ira Richards has fully recovered from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Battles and son Vincent visited relatives near Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Mallory and son, north of Elwell, were callers at the Wm. Horton home Friday.

Miss Ila Guilds is working in Grand Rapids.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry White, Sunday, April 9, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith and children of New Haven were guests of Mrs. Callie Shanks Sunday.

The Queen Esther Circle met at the parsonage Thursday evening, in which a pot luck supper was served. After refreshments were served a very pleasant social evening was enjoyed.

Miss Agnes Ulls, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ulls, north west of town, was united in marriage to Mr. Ira E. Corder, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Corder of near Vestaburg, on Thursday evening, March 30, by the Rev. J. D. Tanner of Vestaburg. Mrs. Ulls served a delicious supper to the relatives and friends of the bride and groom. Miss Ulls was well known in Riverdale and a general favorite among her companions, having attended school here for a number of years and among the 10th

grade graduates of the class of 1921. Their many friends wish them much happiness and success through life.

The people of Riverdale and vicinity were shocked to hear of the death of Miss Annabelle Black, who passed peacefully away at the home of her grandfather, Anderson Locey, of near Midland. The remains were brought to Riverdale, and the funeral was held Friday at one o'clock, at the M. E. church, Rev. H. R. Strong officiating. There was a large number of friends present and the floral tributes were beautiful. The pallbearers were Harold and Frank Hyde, Leo Stacey, Joe Van Alstine, Harry Marvin and Charlie Horton. Miss Black attended school here for a number of years, graduating from the 10th grade three years ago. She was a very fine character and a great favorite among her companions. The surviving relatives have the sincere sympathy of the entire community extended to them.

Miss Reta Green of Detroit is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Green.

Horace Johnson was home from Clare over Sunday.

Miss Doris Nickerson of Vestaburg was here to attend the dance Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moblo and son Donald spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson of Alma.

Mrs. Paul Mack of Detroit is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Green.

Mrs. Art Smith of near Summer visited at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lottie Forquer, last week.

Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Strong and Mrs. E. M. Highfield spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rockwell north of Elwell.

Richard Hudson was in Alma Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Valance and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Valance north of town Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Lucas was home from Alma over Sunday.

Don't forget to attend the Bazaar and Baked Goods sale at Elwell on Thursday and Friday given by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church. Supper will be served on Thursday at the I. O. O. F. hall. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Sturdivant and children spent Sunday with Mrs. John Holland southwest of town.

Mrs. C. D. Van Alstine spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of near Winn.

Mrs. DeWitt Murtaugh spent last Thursday in Vestaburg, a guest of Mrs. Wm. Caris and other friends.

Mrs. Helen Chase returned to her home in Toledo, Monday, after spending the past three weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Van Alstine.

Milan Snider of Pompeii spent several days last week with his brother, Prof. D. Snider.

Mrs. Bina Walker of Lakeview visited at the home of Mrs. Rose LaMay last week.

Jack Moblo was in St. Louis last week on business.

Mrs. Millard Hopkins is visiting her mother, Mrs. Agnes Crawford, of Breckenridge.

Mrs. Sarah Locey left Saturday afternoon for Akron, to spend the summer with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bush of Isabella county, visited their daughter, Mrs. Norman Brownridge Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bywater and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leiter attended the show at Alma last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffin and son spent Monday with friends at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leiter visited relatives at Six Lakes over Sunday.

L. M. Forquer and Art Smith have returned from their fishing tour at the Chippewa river near Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Geneva LaMay left last week to spend the summer at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Seitz have moved on the Daley farm south west of town.

Miss Velma Austin has been home from Carson City the past ten days on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Valance north of town.

Wm. Harry of near Vestaburg was in town Monday on business.

Howard Haines has sold his property on Main street and is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Harry White.

Mrs. Jerry Wolfgang spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Vern Wiley, east of town.

Miss Catherine Cummings spent over Sunday with her mother at Vestaburg.

Dr. and Mrs. Highfield were Alma visitors Sunday.

WRIGHT SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Isham entertained the following guests at dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shepherd and son and Mr. Hopkins of Alma.

Miss Pauline Isham of Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Vancore and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Webb, and Bernard and Erwin Hunter of Arcadia, the occasion being the birthday of Mr. Isham and Mr. Vancore.

Mr. and Mrs. Nafsinger and son, Jack, of Saginaw, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wiley. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Wiley also entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crist of Alma, Mrs. Gillman of Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Losey of Alma visited Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smith.

The County Red Cross Nurse visited the Brick school Monday and examined the pupils.

Bernard Rockfellow is a new scholar at the Brick school.

ITHACA

Thursday evening is window night in Ithaca. The merchants are all co-operating and will have their windows brightly illuminated and trimmed for the occasion. The stores, however, will not be open. Miss Grace E. Rowell has engaged Kernen's orchestra to furnish music beginning at 8 o'clock at the front entrance of her place of business. She will display garments and hats on living models in the large windows.

Later in the evening a dance sponsored by the business women's club will be given in the armory for which Kernen's orchestra will furnish the music.

Mrs. W. A. Stanton spent the past week with her daughter, Miss Lois Stanton, who is attending Wheaton College.

The Baptist Aid society met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. M. Weller and Mrs. Charles Webster at the former's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrod were in Dayton, Ohio, the past week where they attended a conference of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Annual election of officers of Myrtle chapter, No. 56, Order of the Eastern Star, was held at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening. Worthy Matron, Mrs. J. M. McCall; Worthy Patron, Rev. William Roberts; Secretary, Mina Harrington; Treasurer, Adelle Fleming; Conductress, Elizabeth Helfer; Associate Conductress, Mrs. L. H. Wolf; Ada, Frances McCall; Ruth, Helen Burden; Esther, Nina Burt; Martha, Minnie Mathews; Electa, Ida Isaman; Chaplain, Mary Wight; Marshal, Victoria Wilkinson; Warder, Ella Hamilton; Sentinel, F. M. Harrington; pianist, Mildred Kernen.

Mrs. Adda Clark of North Star is a guest this week of her daughter, Mrs. John Parker.

Mrs. S. S. Fairbanks was surprised Thursday afternoon upon her return from a drive she found the members of the Ladies' Social Club in possession of her home. This surprise and the gift of a beautiful sandwich tray was a "come back" on the part of the club because on a number of occasions Mrs. Fairbanks has invited the club members and their husbands to her home and has served chicken dinners upon these occasions. It is the custom of the club each year to present gifts to the president and secretary. Mrs. Charles E. Fleming, president, and Mrs. Clyde M. Hay, secretary, were presented with pretty hand painted plates. Mrs. Verne Richard of Alma, daughter of Mrs. Fairbanks, was an invited guest. The hostess on Thursday afternoon, April 20, will be Mrs. Dewey Gibbs.

Mrs. Floyd Reynolds and children, Everett and Merle, of Cadillac are guests for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Reynolds.

Mrs. Edward D. Hamilton, Miss Charlotte Hamilton, J. Lee Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers attended a meeting of the White Shrine in Alma Tuesday evening.

Mrs. A. E. Osmer of Owosso, sister of Mrs. George Lanphere of this place, gave a talk Tuesday at the meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beebe. The program followed the opening meeting and the "Mystery Box" in charge of Mrs. Minaker, prepared by Mrs. Lanphere, was opened by a reading by Mrs. Frank L. Convis. Miss Miriam Lanphere sang and Miss Ellen Reed played a piano solo. During refreshments

which were served by the hostess, Harold Beebe sang several vocal selections. The May meeting of the society will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Skinner. The program will be prepared by Mrs. Emma Sackett.

Attorney John T. Mathews was in Lansing Thursday and Friday on business.

Mrs. Ed. Hannah of Alma was a guest the past week of Mrs. Fred Fullerton and other Ithaca friends.

Mrs. D. E. Martin of Washington, D. C., spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. Alice Jordan. Mrs. Martin is on her way to Portland, Oregon, where she will make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Fairbanks of Fenton spent from Saturday until Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McArthur were in St. Johns Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Gillo returned Wednesday to her home in Highland Park after spending a few weeks with Ithaca and North Star relatives.

Mrs. Rex Hoffman and daughter, June, were guests Wednesday of relatives in Ithaca.

SETHITON

There will be a concert at the Community House next Friday evening, this closing a school of vocal music which has been conducted by C. A. Wright of Ithaca.

Earle Wilcox went to Muskegon Friday to visit his sister, Mrs. Fred Hepler.

Mrs. Jason Garner is quite sick. Mrs. Roy Miller has also been quite sick.

Mr. Joseph Robinson of Vestaburg visited at the John Jarvis home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Platt are getting settled in their new home here.

The monthly business meeting of the Whoseover Class was a very enjoyable affair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marley Knott last Tuesday evening. After the regular business meeting some music and games were enjoyed and last but not least delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

CITY COMMISSION

Alma, Michigan, April 11, 1922. Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Alma in session at the council chambers on above date.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. by Mayor Charles R. Murphy. Present: Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick. Absent—None.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was declared in session. Minutes of the preceding regular and adjourned meetings of April 4th and 5th were read and approved.

Reading of bills and claims: Alma Post Office \$ 21.92

F. King 36.00

J. Howe 36.00

G. VanNorman 24.00

J. Shong 24.00

G. Shong 20.00

O. Dyer 27.00

D. Howe 33.00

J. Zimmerman 4.00

J. Huntley 4.00

B. Williams 24.00

C. Williams 24.00

W. Hubbs 21.00

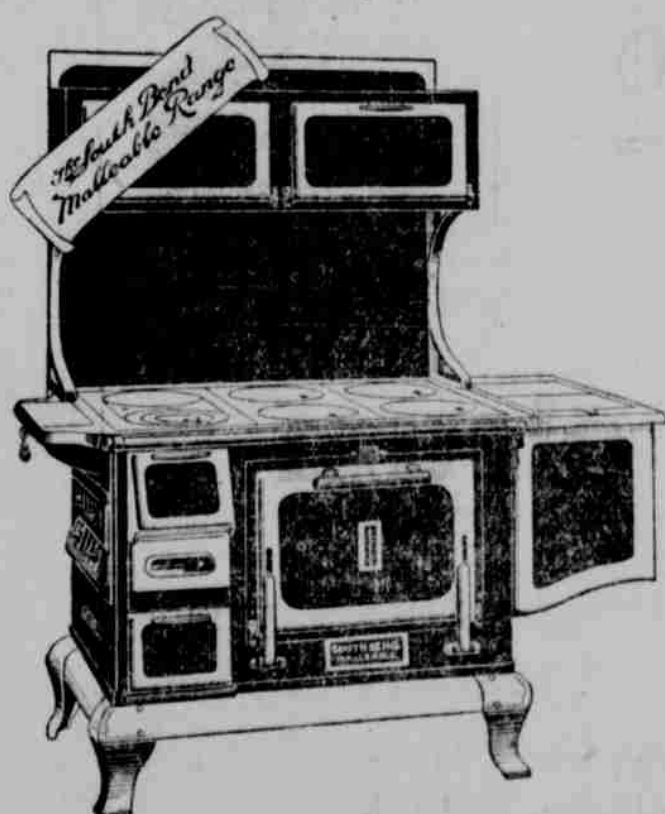
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Dearborn Chemical Co.	189.10
Fairbanks, Morse & Co.	121.92
Gratiot County Gas Co.	7.00
Home Lumber & Fuel Co.	13.25
The Union Telephone Co.	19.52
West. Union Telegraph Co.	1.58
Frank Whitecraft	16.00
X-Ray Products Co.	25.48

Moved by Commissioner Creaser and supported by Commissioner Archer that the above bills as read be allowed and the clerk instructed to issue checks in payment thereof covering Vouchers Nos. 889 to 896 and 898 to 904.

Ayes — Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick. Nays—none.

The city clerk reports to the Commission that Special Assessment Roll No. 6 for the year 1921, Special Assessment Roll No. 7 for the year 1921 and Special Assessment Roll No. 11 for the year 1921, being respectively Special Assessment Rolls to defray a part of the expense of the construction of pavements, gutters and curbing and other improvements on streets known respectively as Woodworth Avenue north from the north line of Superior Street to the south line of East End Street, West Downie Street from the west line of State Street to the east line of Park Avenue, and West End Street from the west line of State Street to the east line of Second Avenue, have been prepared by the Board of Special Assessors, duly certified and filed in this office.

Moved by Commissioner Glass and supported by Commissioner Creaser that said Rolls Nos. 6, 7 and 11 for the year 1921, be and is hereby instructed and directed to cause notice that the Board of Special Assessors and the City Commission will be in session in the City Hall in said city at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. to review said special assessment rolls at which time and place opportunity will be given all persons interested to make objections thereto and be heard thereon, and all in compliance with the city charter providing for the review of special assessment rolls for special improvements. The vote thereon resulted as follows:

Ayes — Commissioners Creaser, Glass, Archer and Chick. Nays—none.

The gas test for the week runs as follows:

April 4—508.3, April 5—552.8, April 6—544.0, April 7—534.7, April 8—521.7, April 10—525.0, April 11—519.2.

Average B. T. U. per cu. ft. for period 529.5.

Required average—530.0.

Moved by Commissioner Chick and supported by Commissioner Creaser that the Commission adjourn. The motion prevails.

Francis C. Hayward, Clerk. Charles R. Murphy, Mayor.

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Corned beef, boneless, lb	18c	Cheese, Berger Brick, lb	25c
Hamburg steak, lb	12c	Corn, can	11c
Pork steak, lb	18c	Corn, 2 cans	21c
Fresh pork in chunk, lb 14-18c		Milk, tall can	10c
Pork in pickle, lb	12c-17c	Peas, sifted, can	12c
Bacon, home smoked, lb	22c	Soup, can	10c
Pork sausage, lb	18c	Peaches in syrup No. 2 1/2 can	20c
Lard, home rendered, lb	15c	Prunes, good size, lb	15c
Smoked ham, sugar cured half or whole	35c	Apricots, fancy, lb	34c
Smoked ham butts, 4-5 lbs. per lb	15c	Macaroni, short ct, 3 lbs.	25c
Veal for stewing, lb	12c	Coffee in bulk good quality lb	27-32c
Veal roasts, lb	24c	Cocoa, in bulk, lb	15c
Veal chops, lb	25-30c	Black Cross Tea, lb	65c
Fowls and spring chickens lb	32c	Grapefruit, lemons, oranges, lettuce, celery, quality and prices right.	
Mackerel in brine, lb	28c	Seeds, vegetable and flower, in bulk and package, good assortment.	
Cod fish 1 lb boxes	25c		
Salmon, tall can	15c		
Lake Trout, fresh caught, lb	30c		

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